

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Georgia Studies 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Syllabus • Mrs. West's Class  
January-May 2015**

**Important Upcoming Dates**

**Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>** – Welcome Back! First day of 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.

**Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** – Final deadline to submit payment and permission slip for the Atlanta History Center field trip.

**Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>** – MLK, Jr. Day, No School

**Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>** – Atlanta History Center Field Trip

**Monday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>** – Conference Week

**Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> – Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>** – Winter Break

**Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** – Teacher Workday, No School

**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>** – Spring Break

**Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Last Day of School

**How to Contact Mrs. West**

Need Help? Questions? Concerns?

**Phone:** (770) 483-3371, ext. 23178

**Email:** [kwest@rockdale.k12.ga.us](mailto:kwest@rockdale.k12.ga.us)

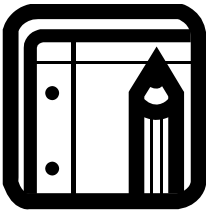
**Website:** [www.georgiastudieswithmrswest.weebly.com](http://www.georgiastudieswithmrswest.weebly.com)



**Units of Study**

Listed below are the remaining topics to be covered before the end of the year. It's a lot and we're going to move real fast. So, fasten your seat belt and don't get left behind.

- Georgia State Government (All 3 Branches)
- Local (City & Country) Government
- Government Funding
- Georgia's Growth & Expansion
- Antebellum Georgia
- The Civil War
- Reconstruction
- The New South
- The Great Depression & World Wars I and II
- Post World War II
- Modern Georgia
- Personal Finance



**Supplies Needed**

It is **YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to bring the following supplies to class with you every day. You will not be permitted to go your locker to get your supplies.

- New 70-Sheet Spiral Notebook
- 2-Pocket Folder
- GA Studies Textbook
- Pens and Pencils

**Tests and Quizzes**

Tests and quizzes are not evil. They serve a purpose. The first purpose is to provide Mrs. West with feedback about what and how much you have learned and retained the information taught in class. The second purpose is that they provide you with feedback about what and how much you have learned and retained the information taught in class. Be prepared for a weekly or bi-weekly quiz and unit tests. Quizzes may be unannounced. Mrs. West will always inform you of an upcoming test.

**YOU MUST  
STUDY!**





### Class Participation

It is important that you are engaged in class and actively participate. You will periodically be graded for an in-class activity or assignment based upon your participation.

### Nightly Homework

In preparation for high school and beyond, **YOU WILL HAVE HOMEWORK EVERY NIGHT**. It is your responsibility to keep up with your homework assignments and write them in your agenda. Don't get caught with your homework incomplete. You are risking earning a failing homework grade and class grade because you don't complete your homework, even if **YOU** think Mrs. West is not going to check it. **ALWAYS BE PREPARED!**

Nightly homework may include:

- updating your notebook and notebook table of contents,
- writing learning logs/class reflections,
- reviewing notes with visual evidence AND a completed summary,
- posting to the class blog or website,
- reading from a class-assigned novel,
- reviewing vocabulary on quizlet.com, and
- reading and outlining a chapter or section in the textbook.

### Late Work

Turn your work in on time. Enough said. If you are absent, see Mrs. West to discuss turning in your work.

**SIGN-UP TO RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE AND EMAIL ALERTS FROM MRS. WEST!**

To join, send a text to  
**(615) 601-0396** ?

With the message  
**@mrswestss** ?

Students and parents can choose to receive messages via email. Have them send a blank email to:  
**mrswestss@mail.remind.com**



### Grading Scales

<u>Homework Grading Scale (HWK)</u>	<u>Class Work, Projects, Unit Tests &amp; Quizzes Grading Scale (CPTQ)</u>	<u>Benchmark, Mid-Term &amp; Final Exams Standards Mastery Scale (SMS)</u>
(✓+) Full Credit (100%), "I tried my best on <b>EVERY</b> question!"	90 – 100      A (Awesome, Excellent)	≥ 84% Exceeds the Standards
(✓) Partial Credit (75%), "I tried my best on <b>MOST</b> of the questions."	80 – 89      B (Bravo, Well Done)	≥ 51% to <84% Meets the Standards
(✓-) Half Credit (50%), "I tried my best on <b>HALF</b> of the questions."	75 – 79      C (Good Job, Keep Trying)	<51% Does Not Meet the Standards
(0) No Credit (0%), " <b>I decided not to complete my homework.</b> I understand that <b>IF</b> I am able to make up the assignment I <b>WILL NOT</b> receive full credit, even if it is turned in one day late."	70 – 74      D (Warning, You're on the Verge of a Breakdown)	
	69 & Below      F (Time to Change Your Game Plan, Refocus and Review)	